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1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

AT END OF PERIOD.....

	Males	Females	Persons	Mean Population
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Financial Years				
1993-94	854.6	846.4	1 701.1	1 688.5
1994-95	869.5	861.6	1 731.2	1 716.1
1995-96 p	884.9	877.9	1 762.7	1 747.2
Calendar years				
1993	847.9	839.5	1 687.4	1 677.1
1994 p	861.1	853.2	1 714.3	1 702.0
1995 p	876.9	869.5	1 746.4	1 731.2
Quarters				
Jun 95	869.5	861.6	1 731.2	..
Sep 95 p	873.7	865.8	1 739.5	..
Dec 95 p	876.9	869.5	1 746.4	..
Mar 96 p	881.3	874.3	1 755.5	..
Jun 96 p	884.9	877.9	1 762.7	..
Sep 96 p	889.0	882.0	1 771.0	..

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 30 June 1996 was 1,762,700, an increase of 7,200 in the June quarter and 31,600 since 30 June 1995. The growth rate during the twelve months to 30 June 1996 was 1.82% compared with a growth rate of 1.77% for the preceding twelve month period.

1.2

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

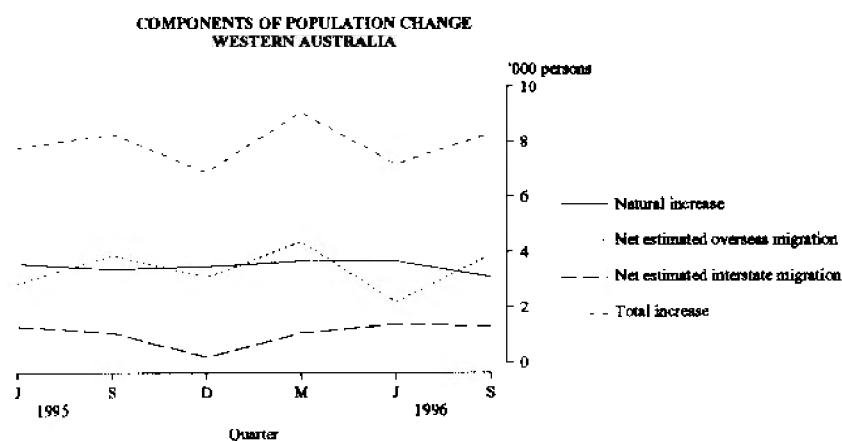
	Natural increase	Net estimated overseas migration(a)	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Financial Years				
1993-94	14.3	6.7	3.7	24.7
1994-95	14.7	10.5	4.9	30.1
1995-96 p	14.2	13.5	3.8	31.6
Calendar years				
1993	14.5	5.6	0.6	20.7
1994 p	14.5	8.0	4.5	26.9
1995 p	14.6	13.2	4.3	32.0
Quarters				
Jun 95	3.6	2.9	1.3	7.8
Sep 95 p	3.4	3.9	1.1	8.3
Dec 95 p	3.5	3.1	0.2	6.9
Mar 96 p	3.7	4.4	1.1	9.1
Jun 96 p	3.7	2.2	1.4	7.2
Sep 96 p	3.1	3.9	1.3	8.3

(a) includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the twelve months to 30 June 1996 the population increased by 31,600 compared with an increase of 30,100 in the previous twelve months. The natural increase dropped slightly from 14,700 in 1994-95 to 14,200 in 1995-96. This was more than offset by a significant increase in the level of net estimated overseas migration up from 10,500 in 1994-95 to 13,500 in 1995-96. This component has increased each year from a low of 4,600 in 1992-93.



1.3

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births	Infant Deaths	Total Deaths	Marriages	Divorces
Financial Years					
1993-94	25 309	148	10 522	10 316	4 934
1994-95	25 022	137	10 261	10 381	4 930
1995-96 p	24 872	141	10 669	10 019	5 195
Calendar years					
1993	25 079	143	10 318	10 382	4 654
1994	25 124	137	10 295	10 366	5 024
1995	25 122	128	10 361	10 404	5 040
Quarters					
Mar 95	6 417	38	2 314	3 247	1 081
Jun 95	6 348	32	2 598	2 367	1 158
Sep 95	6 311	30	2 917	1 524	1 332
Dec 95	6 046	28	2 532	3 266	1 469
Mar 96 p	6 233	54	2 588	2 935	1 231
Jun 96 p	6 282	29	2 632	2 294	1 163
Sep 96 p	6 192	37	3 092	1 458	1 294

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.3

The number of marriages fell by 641 in June quarter 1996 from the previous quarter. This compares with a fall of 880 marriages in the same period a year ago.

The number of infant deaths dropped by 25 from March quarter 1996 while the total number of deaths increased by 44 in the same period.

1.4

RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births(a)	Infant Deaths(b)	Total Deaths(a)	Marriages(a)	Divorces(a)
Financial Years					
1993-94	15.0	5.9	6.2	6.1	2.9
1994-95	14.6	5.5	6.0	6.1	2.9
1995-96 p	14.1	5.7	6.0	5.7	2.9
Calendar years					
1993	15.0	5.7	6.2	6.2	2.8
1994	14.8	5.5	6.1	6.1	3.0
1995	14.4	5.1	6.0	6.0	2.9
Quarters					
Mar 95	14.9	5.9	5.4	7.6	2.5
Jun 95	14.7	5.0	6.0	5.5	2.7
Sep 95	14.6	4.8	6.7	3.5	3.1
Dec 95	13.9	4.6	5.8	7.5	3.4
Mar 96 p	14.2	8.7	5.9	6.7	2.8
Jun 96 p	14.3	4.6	6.0	5.2	2.6
Sep 96 p	14.0	6.0	7.0	3.3	2.9

(a) For financial and calendar years the rate is per '000 mean resident population. For quarters, the mean is the average of the previous and current quarterly population.

(b) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.4

The rate for infant deaths in June quarter 1996 was the equal lowest recorded in the last six quarters. The rate for marriages was the second lowest recorded.

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2.1 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY MONTH

SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS..... LONG-TERM ARRIVALS.....

	Permanent Arrivals	Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	Total Arrivals
ARRIVALS						
Financial Years						
1993-94	7 740	269 890	297 750	8 900	7 430	591 700
1994-95	10 380	289 250	339 690	9 070	8 470	656 850
1995-96	11 320	308 110	361 180	8 600	10 170	699 380
Months						
Oct 95	1 070	35 360	30 330	700	570	68 020
Nov 95	1 020	22 700	33 660	820	370	58 560
Dec 95	1 040	18 450	46 800	1 260	510	68 070
Jan 96	1 150	36 460	24 250	840	1 460	65 170
Feb 96	940	20 650	39 640	630	2 530	64 380
Mar 96	900	20 660	31 010	670	560	53 810
Apr 96	850	23 670	32 270	580	660	58 020
May 96	680	20 100	22 550	500	380	44 210
Jun 96	860	25 530	26 720	630	500	54 250
Jul 96	910	31 490	28 780	670	1 900	63 750
Aug 96	840	28 570	28 950	580	500	59 430
Sep 96	860	31 390	27 540	640	540	60 970
Oct 96	940	38 310	34 460	690	740	75 130
Nov 96	1 000	25 040	37 270	930	480	64 730
Dec 96	990	18 980	49 430	1 450	490	71 340

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES..... LONG-TERM DEPARTURES.....

	Permanent Departures	Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Australian residents	Overseas visitors	Total Departures
DEPARTURES						
Financial Years						
1993-94	3 430	274 770	29 540	7 340	4 140	580 220
1994-95	3 580	292 270	343 610	7 560	4 710	651 730
1995-96	3 890	305 910	366 340	7 680	5 480	689 300
Months						
Oct 95	290	25 910	26 720	460	290	53 750
Nov 95	320	22 200	30 630	500	580	54 230
Dec 95	370	33 040	38 900	650	1 110	74 070
Jan 96	410	19 640	37 530	1 010	380	58 970
Feb 96	320	17 840	35 700	730	440	55 030
Mar 96	350	25 730	32 970	750	400	60 200
Apr 96	330	23 540	33 160	670	330	58 030
May 96	370	25 720	27 520	630	270	54 500
Jun 96	200	29 410	31 240	530	560	61 940
Jul 96	340	32 280	25 420	640	560	59 240
Aug 96	270	27 420	29 840	660	390	58 580
Sep 96	260	34 960	25 200	520	370	61 320
Oct 96	250	26 830	28 770	500	330	56 680
Nov 96	320	24 850	32 650	530	590	58 950
Dec 96	310	35 260	42 400	730	1 180	79 880

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of components items and totals.

2.2

SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Japan	Indonesia	Singapore	Total(b)
Financial Years						
1993-94	25 150	57 480	27 840	27 530	50 700	297 750
1994-95	24 330	61 070	44 240	28 980	59 600	339 690
1995-96	24 200	59 220	49 260	30 120	64 690	361 180
Months						
Oct 95	2 100	5 780	2 990	2 050	4 010	30 330
Nov 95	1 510	6 680	3 450	1 920	6 660	33 660
Dec 95	2 360	8 370	7 650	2 970	11 040	46 800
Jan 96	1 700	5 760	2 920	2 670	2 400	24 250
Feb 96	1 760	6 440	8 150	3 190	6 460	39 640
Mar 96	2 280	6 010	3 320	2 900	4 760	31 010
Apr 96	2 260	5 990	3 360	2 460	5 760	32 270
May 96	1 630	2 160	2 610	1 320	5 270	22 550
Jun 96	1 660	2 610	4 950	1 290	6 970	26 720
Jul 96	3 000	2 610	5 190	3 430	3 310	28 780
Aug 96	2 100	3 480	3 670	3 720	4 800	28 950
Sep 96	2 430	4 860	2 500	3 220	3 550	27 540
Oct 96	2 740	5 470	4 250	2 430	4 690	34 460
Nov 96	1 680	9 350	3 120	2 170	7 850	37 270
Dec 96	2 400	10 090	6 840	3 990	7 630	49 430

(a) Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

(b) Total includes the countries listed here and all other countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.1

Total arrivals in December 1996 were 10% higher than the previous month and were 5% higher than in December 1995.

The number of Australian residents returning from short-term visits overseas fell by 24% from the previous month to 18,980. However, this was 3% higher than in December 1995. Overseas visitors arriving in Western Australia for short-term visits was the highest recorded in 15 months, up by 6% on December 1995 and up by 33% on the previous month.

The number of long-term residents returning to Western Australia in December 1996 was also the highest recorded in 15 months, up 15% on a year ago and up 56% on November 1996. Total departures in December 1996 increased by 36% from the previous month and was 8% higher than in December 1995. The total of 79,880 departures for December 1996 was the highest recorded in 15 months.

The number of short-term departures of Australian residents was also a record over the 15 months, up by 42% on November 1996 and up by 7% on December 1995. The number of long-term departures of overseas visitors was another record, up by 6% on December 1995 and doubling the previous month.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.2

Total short-term overseas visitor arrivals increased by 12,160 or 33% on November 1996. The total of 49,430 arrivals in December month 1996 number was also 6% higher than in December 1995.

The number of visitors from the UK and Ireland was the highest in the last 15 months and was 21% higher than December 1995. Compared with November 1996, the number of visitors from New Zealand, Indonesia and Japan rose by 43%, 119% and 24% respectively. Short-term overseas arrivals from Singapore fell by 3% from November 1996 and dropped by 31% from a year ago.

2.3

SHORT TERM ARRIVALS BY AIR, PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total(a)
Financial Years									
1993-94	9 160	22 260	20 850	24 460	19 180	39 370	7 950	2 910	180 850
1994-95	7 720	19 290	33 350	24 640	19 200	45 100	7 180	2 760	193 880
1995-96	6 800	19 010	35 610	23 840	20 800	47 520	8 770	3 250	200 560
Months									
Oct 95	560	1 940	1 810	1 730	1 690	2 650	1 210	310	15 640
Nov 95	280	2 650	2 460	1 360	2 160	5 070	570	340	18 340
Dec 95	460	2 220	6 640	2 640	1 010	9 240	880	410	28 500
Jan 96	320	2 120	1 740	2 240	510	1 270	430	280	11 620
Feb 96	640	1 990	6 400	2 390	2 840	4 320	460	140	23 030
Mar 96	670	1 930	2 520	2 650	1 490	3 520	870	590	17 510
Apr 96	540	1 660	2 050	1 750	2 410	4 330	1 620	170	17 140
May 96	230	810	1 960	1 000	2 760	4 150	790	320	13 580
Jun 96	580	500	3 850	780	2 240	5 640	610	250	16 240
Jul 96	470	1 140	3 200	2 900	1 440	1 480	590	190	14 280
Aug 96	580	870	2 220	3 300	2 790	3 650	980	100	17 310
Sep 96	1 150	1 650	1 360	2 490	1 670	2 510	550	190	14 360
Oct 96	550	1 680	2 800	1 810	2 280	3 410	1 610	200	18 580
Nov 96	370	2 790	2 150	1 680	2 010	6 510	580	160	20 580
Dec 96	610	3 690	5 710	3 380	2 420	5 840	1 330	400	29 830

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.3

Short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holidays in Western Australia in December month 1996 was the highest recorded in 15 months. The total of 29,830 visitors reflected a rise of 9,250 persons or 45% on the previous month and a rise of 5% on twelve months ago.

December month 1996 saw a record number of visitors to Western Australia for a holiday from the UK and Ireland and Japan. The total of 3,690 visitors for the UK and Ireland was up by 66% on December 1995 and up 32% on November 1996. For Japan, the total of 3,380 holidaymakers was up by 28% on December 1995 and up by 101% on November 1996.

For other countries, Malaysia was up by 140% and Thailand up by 51% compared with a year ago, but Indonesian arrivals were down by 14% and arrivals from Singapore down by 37% on December 1995.

2.4

SHORT TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Total(a)
Financial Years						
1993-94	22 020	38 580	64 720	23 420	24 170	274 770
1994-95	25 750	40 850	68 420	23 070	25 840	292 270
1995-96	25 100	44 070	68 860	22 780	29 430	305 910
Months						
Oct 95	2 160	2 860	7 330	1 870	2 750	25 990
Nov 95	2 000	2 060	4 100	2 020	3 100	22 200
Dec 95	4 100	3 800	5 650	2 820	3 030	33 040
Jan 96	2 140	1 400	4 630	1 480	2 740	19 640
Feb 96	2 290	1 680	3 720	1 040	1 990	17 840
Mar 96	2 500	4 110	6 230	1 740	3 080	25 730
Apr 96	1 820	3 330	5 360	1 460	1 770	23 540
May 96	960	5 650	4 420	1 520	1 360	25 720
Jun 96	1 100	5 770	7 610	2 030	2 090	29 410
Jul 96	1 850	5 830	7 790	2 090	2 400	32 280
Aug 96	1 900	3 760	8 100	1 510	1 950	27 420
Sep 96	2 680	4 920	9 390	2 860	2 470	34 960
Oct 96	2 150	3 090	8 990	1 890	1 890	26 830
Nov 96	1 830	2 740	7 590	1 840	1 820	24 850
Dec 96	4 790	4 990	7 230	2 960	2 690	35 260

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table

Reference: Unpublished table PMT0013.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.4

There were a record 35,260 short-term departures of Australian residents from Western Australia in December 1996. This was 10,410 persons or 42% more than the number of departures in November 1996. The total was also 2,220 persons or 7% higher than December 1995.

All countries recorded increases on November 1996 except Indonesia which fell by 5%.

New Zealand and Malaysia recorded 15 month high numbers of short-term resident departures. For New Zealand, departures from Western Australia were up by 161% on November 1996 and up by 17% on December 1995. For Malaysia, departures increased by 61% on November 1996 and 5% on December 1995.

TOTAL SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS
AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Source: Unpublished table PMT0013

— Arrivals
- - Departures

2.5

SHORT TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS: TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS - HOLIDAY

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total (a)
Financial Years								
1993-94	9 420	15 080	53 670	12 480	12 160	11 690	9 100	150 490
1994-95	11 100	18 430	55 070	11 480	13 220	12 560	9 940	160 730
1995-96	10 120	18 420	53 060	10 430	15 670	12 750	9 650	160 120
Months								
Oct 95	960	840	6 390	1 140	1 530	1 000	880	14 520
Nov 95	690	580	3 120	900	2 110	550	340	10 550
Dec 95	1 480	1 320	4 170	1 480	1 320	800	1 260	16 060
Jan 96	890	750	3 250	520	1 140	530	820	9 660
Feb 96	820	380	2 340	440	810	580	370	7 800
Mar 96	1 070	1 580	4 520	580	1 910	820	760	13 000
Apr 96	840	1 540	3 620	610	950	1 400	640	11 980
May 96	350	2 690	3 310	460	630	710	690	12 330
Jun 96	300	2 440	6 330	890	1 110	1 230	930	16 640
Jul 96	960	3 020	6 680	1 040	1 320	1 080	1 720	19 110
Aug 96	700	2 060	6 710	870	860	860	780	16 080
Sep 96	840	2 190	8 340	1 500	1 020	1 150	1 110	20 830
Oct 96	1 070	1 710	7 330	790	1 340	1 250	460	15 990
Nov 96	640	950	6 100	1 000	1 010	500	450	12 620
Dec 96	1 790	1 970	6 430	1 510	1 420	490	1 260	18 950

(a) Total includes the countries listed here and all other countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMT0013.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.5

There were 18,950 short-term departures from Western Australia of Australian residents for holidays abroad in December 1996. This is 6,330 residents or 50% more than departed in November 1996, but 2,890 residents or 18% more than departed in December 1995.

Compared with November 1996, Western Australian residents showed a clear preference to travel to New Zealand, The United States of America and the United Kingdom and Ireland for their holidays in December 1996. These countries recorded increases of 180%, 180% and 107% respectively. Additionally, departures to Malaysia grew by 51% and Singapore by 41%.

Short-term resident departures to Indonesia in December 1996 increased by 5% from the previous month but increased by 54% compared with December 1995.

2.6

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST
HOUSES WITH
FACILITIES.....

CARAVAN PARKS.....

	Guest Rooms	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Number of sites	Site Occupancy Rate	Guest arrivals
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years						
1993-94	14 754	57	2 154	29 202	39	1 250
1994-95	14 754	60	2 219	29 554	40	1 231
1995-96	15 085	60	2 256	29 952	40	1 299
Months						
Jul 95		55	178		45	140
Aug 95		61	193		44	138
Sep 95	14 720	68	218	29 828	43	135
Oct 95		63	240		39	112
Nov 95		59	194		35	72
Dec 95	14 924	51	197	30 063	38	105
Jan 96		52	203		45	131
Feb 96		57	179		37	73
Mar 96	14 928	58	198	30 085	37	85
Apr 96		59	187		41	125
May 96		56	171		37	89
Jun 96	15 085	55	167	29 952	40	98
Jul 96		57	193		46	151
Aug 96		61	207		45	164
Sep 96	15 396	68	235	29 990	44	153

HOLIDAY FLATS,
UNITS, HOUSES.....

VISITOR HOSTELS.....

	Guest Rooms	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Number of sites	Site Occupancy Rate	Guest arrivals
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years						
1993-94	2 224	55	96	3 119	38	416
1994-95	2 419	57	110	2 834	41	431
1995-96	2 687	57	134	3 171	43	478
Months						
Jul 95		56	11		43	37
Aug 95		48	9		38	34
Sep 95	2 439	58	12	2 831	41	35
Oct 95		66	13		44	41
Nov 95		55	11		42	38
Dec 95	2 581	61	12	3 033	43	40
Jan 96		73	12		47	46
Feb 96		58	11		44	40
Mar 96	2 414	59	13	2 794	45	44
Apr 96		64	12		46	44
May 96		43	10		41	40
Jun 96	2 687	46	10	3 171	41	39
Jul 96		57	11		40	39
Aug 96		48	10		36	36
Sep 96	2 705	60	13	3 172	39	37

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3.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Seasonally Adjusted

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Males					
Apr 96r	425.4	477.3	39.5	7.6	76.0
May 96r	426.5	478.9	41.1	7.9	76.4
Jun 96r	425.7	477.4	43.0	8.3	76.3
Jul 96r	432.1	481.4	40.7	7.8	76.4
Aug 96r	426.1	481.3	43.3	8.3	76.6
Sep 96r	426.0	480.4	41.9	8.0	76.1
Oct 96r	430.3	484.0	42.8	8.1	76.6
Nov 96r	429.9	480.3	41.9	8.0	75.8
Dec 96r	428.5	483.7	41.3	7.9	76.1
Jan 97r	434.3	491.4	36.7	7.0	76.4
Feb 97	435.9	491.2	38.4	7.3	76.5
Females					
Apr 96r	195.4	346.5	25.1	6.8	54.2
May 96r	192.6	356.5	27.9	7.3	56.0
Jun 96r	195.2	356.2	29.3	7.6	56.0
Jul 96r	197.3	360.9	29.1	7.5	56.5
Aug 96r	201.4	367.9	28.6	7.2	57.4
Sep 96r	200.1	365.3	27.3	7.0	56.7
Oct 96r	194.3	360.8	27.4	7.1	55.9
Nov 96r	195.3	364.0	27.8	7.1	56.3
Dec 96r	197.6	366.5	29.6	7.5	56.8
Jan 97r	194.8	364.5	33.4	8.4	57.0
Feb 97	189.7	366.5	32.3	8.1	57.0
Persons					
Apr 96r	620.8	823.8	64.7	7.3	65.1
May 96r	619.1	835.4	69.1	7.6	66.1
Jun 96r	620.9	833.6	72.4	8.0	66.1
Jul 96r	629.3	842.3	69.8	7.6	66.4
Aug 96r	627.6	849.2	71.9	7.8	66.9
Sep 96r	626.1	845.7	69.2	7.6	66.3
Oct 96r	624.6	844.8	70.2	7.7	66.2
Nov 96r	625.2	844.3	69.7	7.6	66.0
Dec 96r	626.0	850.2	70.9	7.7	66.4
Jan 97r	629.1	855.9	70.1	7.6	66.7
Feb 97	625.6	857.7	70.8	7.6	66.7

Reference : The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 7.6 % in February 1997.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed increased by 700 to 70,800, and the number of persons employed increased by 1,800 to 857,700.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for February 1997 remained the same at 66.7 % and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.2

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Trend

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Apr 96r	426.4	477.4	41.3	8.0	76.3
May 96r	426.8	478.2	41.5	8.0	76.3
Jun 96r	427.2	479.2	41.7	8.0	76.4
Jul 96r	427.5	479.9	42.1	8.1	76.4
Aug 96r	427.7	480.5	42.4	8.1	76.4
Sep 96r	428.1	481.2	42.4	8.1	76.3
Oct 96r	428.8	482.3	42.0	8.0	76.3
Nov 96r	429.9	483.8	41.2	7.8	76.2
Dec 96r	431.2	485.7	40.3	7.7	76.2
Jan 97r	432.6	487.6	39.3	7.5	76.3
Feb 97	434.2	489.6	38.3	7.3	76.3
Females					
Apr 96r	194.0	353.5	27.7	7.3	55.6
May 96r	195.5	355.6	27.8	7.3	55.8
Jun 96r	196.6	358.0	28.0	7.3	56.1
Jul 96r	197.5	360.5	28.1	7.2	56.3
Aug 96r	198.1	362.7	28.1	7.2	56.5
Sep 96r	198.2	364.2	28.1	7.2	56.6
Oct 96r	197.5	364.5	28.3	7.2	56.6
Nov 96r	196.4	364.7	29.0	7.4	56.6
Dec 96r	195.1	364.9	30.0	7.6	56.7
Jan 97r	193.8	365.2	31.0	7.8	56.8
Feb 97	192.5	365.4	32.1	8.1	56.8
Persons					
Apr 96r	620.4	831.0	69.0	7.7	65.9
May 96r	622.2	833.8	69.3	7.7	66.0
Jun 96r	623.8	837.2	69.8	7.7	66.2
Jul 96r	624.9	840.4	70.2	7.7	66.3
Aug 96r	625.8	843.2	70.5	7.7	66.4
Sep 96r	626.3	845.3	70.5	7.7	66.4
Oct 96r	626.3	846.8	70.3	7.7	66.4
Nov 96r	626.2	848.5	70.2	7.6	66.4
Dec 96r	625.3	850.6	70.2	7.6	66.4
Jan 97r	626.4	852.9	70.4	7.6	66.5
Feb 97	626.7	854.9	70.4	7.6	66.5

Reference: The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.2

Seasonally Adjusted and Trend estimates have been revised following the annual re-analysis of Seasonal Factors.

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate remained the same at 7.6 %.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Lesley Martin on (09) 360 5320

3.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Period	Full Time Adults	All persons	
	Ordinary Time earnings	Total earnings	Total earnings
Dollars			
Males			
18 Aug 95	716.80	778.40	673.30
17 Nov 95	731.30	790.70	682.40
16 Feb 96	743.80	802.10	688.10
17 May 96	748.50	807.10	690.80
16 Aug 96	747.40	806.70	690.80
15 Nov 96	742.80	802.40	688.30
Females			
18 Aug 95	555.60	569.80	405.40
17 Nov 95	564.30	577.10	407.70
16 Feb 96	570.60	582.50	409.90
17 May 96	576.70	588.40	411.40
16 Aug 96	583.70	596.00	412.40
15 Nov 96	589.40	602.60	413.00
Persons			
18 Aug 95	659.50	704.10	545.50
17 Nov 95	671.80	714.50	550.30
16 Feb 96	681.50	723.10	554.10
17 May 96	686.40	728.00	554.90
16 Aug 96	688.00	730.30	552.50
15 Nov 96	687.20	730.10	547.90

Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, (6302.0)

3.4

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Calendar Year	WORKERS INVOLVED.....				
	Number of Disputes	Directly	Indirectly	Total	Working days lost
	Number	'000	'000	'000	'000
1993	111	27.4	0.2	27.6	29.5
1994	82	15.7	0.2	15.9	27.4
1995	70	99.7	0.0	99.7	101.6
Months					
Sep 95	12	10.4	—	10.4	17.0
Oct 95	8	55.5	—	55.5	47.6
Nov 95	4	1.2	—	1.2	1.6
Dec 95	3	0.4	—	0.4	0.2
Jan 96	4	1.5	—	1.5	12.4
Feb 96	9	4.0	—	4.0	3.9
Mar 96	3	0.9	—	0.9	1.0
Apr 96	5	1.1	—	1.1	1.4
May 96	8	10.0	—	10.0	9.9
Jun 96	1	4.4	—	4.4	4.4
Jul 96	4	2.1	—	2.1	1.8
Aug 96	6	10.2	—	10.2	8.5
Sep 96	6	3.0	—	3.0	1.6
Oct 96	6	3.0	—	3.3	1.7
Nov 96	8	1.3	—	1.3	0.9

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished ABS Data

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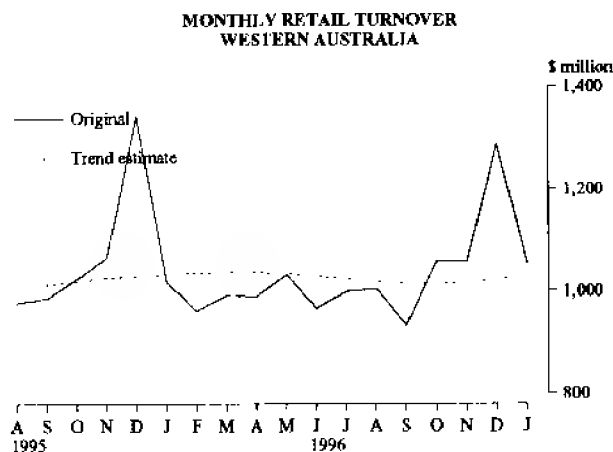
MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER: Original

	Food	Department	Clothing and soft goods	Other Household	Recreational
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Jan 96	451.4	83.3	59.3	111.5	55.5
Feb 96	433.9	74.8	49.5	109.8	50.3
Mar 96	445.0	82.5	55.4	101.0	53.0
Apr 96	423.7	91.6	62.5	102.1	55.9
May 96	436.6	99.9	69.6	108.3	57.5
Jun 96	400.6	90.3	67.5	108.0	50.5
Jul 96	420.5	93.6	64.7	127.7	53.4
Aug 96	431.1	94.2	60.7	130.6	52.1
Sep 96	406.6	82.2	55.9	111.5	51.2
Oct 96	445.0	101.3	68.4	138.8	55.6
Nov 96	442.0	109.6	67.0	138.2	53.0
Dec 96	501.1	176.8	88.1	163.7	68.2
Jan 97	468.6	86.4	62.2	145.7	51.1

TOTALS.....

	Other	Hospitality and services	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimates
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Jan 96	84.8	173.7	1 027.0	1 040.1	1 034.6
Feb 96	79.6	164.2	962.1	1 039.5	1 037.0
Mar 96	80.5	175.3	992.7	1 040.8	1 038.8
Apr 96	89.6	164.6	990.0	1 034.5	1 037.7
May 96	98.4	162.3	1 032.6	1 037.7	1 034.2
Jun 96	92.6	158.5	968.0	1 026.3	1 029.3
Jul 96	88.5	150.8	999.0	1 018.0	1 023.2r
Aug 96	84.0	151.8	1 004.5	1 049.7	1 017.7r
Sep 96	81.0	146.5	934.9	969.3	1 014.7r
Oct 96	94.6	154.3	1 058.0	1 035.0	1 014.8r
Nov 96	94.3	153.3	1 057.4	1 017.1	1 017.9r
Dec 96	121.1	168.4	1 287.4	994.5	1 023.3r
Jan 97	83.8	156.6	1 054.4	1 066.0	1 030.6

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

5.1

NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	HOUSES		OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS		TOTAL (a)	
	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value
	No.	\$m	No.	\$m	No.	\$m
Financial years						
1993-94	19 437	1 503.7	7 144	461.0	26 776	1 964.7
1994-95	16 207	1 354.3	6 105	420.3	22 427	1 774.6
1995-96	12 211	1 148.3	3 527	272.3	15 853	1 420.7
Months						
Oct 95	1 008	96.6	253	20.4	1 265	117.0
Nov 95	1 087	99.1	286	22.7	1 378	121.8
Dec 95	819	79.5	168	12.7	995	92.2
Jan 96	827	82.5	410	33.2	1 241	115.7
Feb 96	1 115	105.1	342	25.5	1 482	130.6
Mar 96	1 101	104.5	362	33.7	1 501	138.2
Apr 96	922	90.9	244	17.3	1 169	108.1
May 96	1 183	114.3	227	15.0	1 420	129.2
Jun 96	966	94.0	227	15.3	1 195	109.3
Jul 96	1 124	104.1	136	8.7	1 265	112.8
Aug 96	1 114	108.9	118	9.8	1 239	118.7
Sep 96	1 089	106.9	111	7.8	1 210	114.7
Oct 96	1 135	109.3	194	15.5	1 338	124.8
Nov 96	1 141	110.4	183	15.0	1 328	125.4
Dec 96	1 017	101.2	189	17.7	1 219	118.9

(a) Includes conversions

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

5.2

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	Private	Public	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years			
1993-94	513.1	153.9	667.0
1994-95	580.9	147.3	728.2
1995-96	692.0	111.1	803.1
Months			
Oct 95	47.1	1.4	48.5
Nov 95	51.2	3.4	54.7
Dec 95	28.7	14.2	42.9
Jan 96	86.9	21.3	108.2
Feb 96	41.3	7.3	48.6
Mar 96	35.5	21.4	56.9
Apr 96	60.8	5.7	66.5
May 96	103.4	14.0	117.4
Jun 96	62.1	10.0	72.1
Jul 96	63.9	8.7	72.6
Aug 96	71.7	61.7	133.4
Sep 96	74.1	17.8	91.9
Oct 96	114.6	26.4	141.0
Nov 96	54.9	110.1	165.0
Dec 96	39.0	7.4	46.4

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

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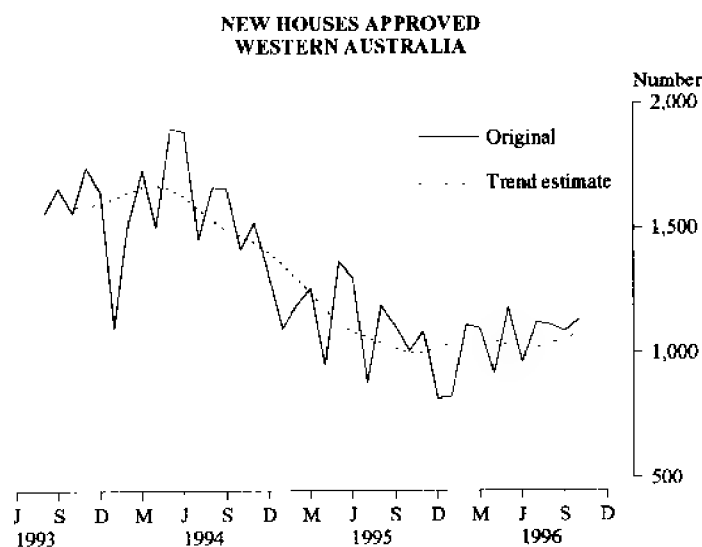
SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

	Materials used in house building	Project homes	Established homes
Financial Years			
1993-94	109.1	96.2	104.7
1994-95	112.7	100.0	109.0
1995-96	114.7	101.6	108.2
Months			
Sep 95	115.0	102.2	108.6
Dec 95	114.9	101.6	108.3
Mar 96	114.6	101.3	107.5
Jun 96	114.6	101.4	108.2
Sep 96	115.0	101.5	108.0
Dec 96	115.0	101.4	107.5

Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

References: Price Index of Materials used in House Building (6408.0);

House Price Indexes (6416.0)



Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

5.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING: PERTH

SPECIAL SERIES.....

	<i>All Groups</i>	<i>Electrical materials</i>	<i>Mechanical services</i>	<i>Plumbing</i>
Financial years				
1993-94	107.1	101.9	104.2	105.1
1994-95	110.1	107.3	106.8	114.4
1995-96	113.2	113.0	112.3	120.1
Months				
Nov 95	113.1	112.6	112.1	120.0
Dec 95	113.2	112.6	112.3	119.8
Jan 96	113.3	112.5	112.4	120.0
Feb 96	113.4	112.5	112.9	120.0
Mar 96	113.4	112.8	113.4	119.7
Apr 96	113.5	113.5	114.4	118.9
May 96	113.6	114.0	114.5	120.3
Jun 96	113.5	113.9	114.6	120.4
Jul 96	113.9	112.6	114.3	117.3
Aug 96	114.0	110.3	114.1	117.4
Sep 96 p	114.2	110.2	113.5	117.9
Oct 96 p	114.3	110.2	113.8	117.0
Nov 96 p	114.1	109.4	112.6	117.4
Dec 96 p	114.4	109.6	112.7	119.0
Jan 97	114.6	110.3	113.3	119.1

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS.....

	<i>Structural timber</i>	<i>Clay bricks</i>	<i>Ready mixed concrete</i>	<i>Structural steel</i>	<i>Aluminium windows</i>
Financial years					
1993-94	110.6	113.9	116.6	100.4	104.4
1994-95	110.6	118.0	117.8	103.6	112.4
1995-96	109.3	120.7	115.0	107.5	118.1
Months					
Nov 95	109.8	120.2	114.6	107.3	118.2
Dec 95	109.6	120.2	114.4	107.7	118.2
Jan 96	109.2	120.2	114.4	108.2	118.2
Feb 96	109.1	120.2	114.1	108.2	118.2
Mar 96	109.1	120.2	114.1	108.2	118.2
Apr 96	108.6	120.2	114.7	108.2	118.2
May 96	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	118.2
Jun 96	108.6	123.4	114.7	108.8	116.4
Jul 96	108.6	123.4	119.8	108.8	116.4
Aug 96	105.9	123.4	119.5	109.7	116.4
Sep 96	105.9	123.6	119.4	111.2	116.4
Oct 96 p	105.7	123.6	119.4	111.2	116.4
Nov 96 p	105.6	123.6	119.6	113.4	116.4
Dec 96 p	105.6	123.6	119.6	115.7	116.4
Jan 97 p	105.6	123.6	119.6	116.0	116.4

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (6407.0)

6.1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

CATTLE..... OTHER.....

	<i>Bulls, bullocks, steers</i>	<i>Cows, heifers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Financial Years							
1993-94	271	168	439	4	2 952	1 553	550
1994-95	244	186	430	4	2 438	1 264	604
1995-96 p	233	192	426	3	2 257	1 303	571
Months							
Dec 95	23	17	40	—	196	79	42
Jan 96	19	19	38	-	199	75	40
Feb 96	20	23	43	-	196	89	47
Mar 96	19	18	36	-	194	110	49
Apr 96	17	13	30	-	183	114	47
May 96	17	14	31	-	207	142	51
Jun 96	16	12	28	-	167	118	45
Jul 96	14	13	27	-	175	145	49
Aug 96	16	15	31	-	195r	124r	44
Sep 96	18	17	35	1	211	152	43
Oct 96	21	20	41	-	244r	205r	40
Nov 96	20	20	40	-	202	144	46
Dec 96	22	20	42	-	195	116	48
Jan 97	20	19	39	-	183	110	43

Reference: *Livestock Products (7215.0)*

6.2

MEAT PRODUCED

Beef *Veal* *Mutton* *Lamb* *Pigmeat*

Financial Years					
1993-94	101 513	296	61 731	24 936	32 423
1994-95	97 140	250	47 776	18 955	37 109
1995-96	97 059	187	44 737	22 171	35 437
Months					
Dec 95	9 066	17	3 926	1 200	2 524
Jan 96	9 359	16	3 995	1 323	2 497
Feb 96	9 719	14	3 851	1 581	2 909
Mar 96	8 297	11	3 839	1 954	3 009
Apr 96	6 984	11	3 600	2 017	2 907
May 96	7 037	14	4 166	2 445	3 233
Jun 96	6 485	19	3 271	2 078	2 762
Jul 96	5 862	21	3 407	2 448	2 900
Aug 96	6 862 r	21	3801r	2 102 r	2 921 r
Sep 96	8 039	27	4 064	2 584 r	2 999
Oct 96	9 448	23	4784r	3 345 r	2 927
Nov 96	9 103	24	4 057	2 394	3 173
Dec 96	9 072	24	3 779	1 976	3 269
Jan 97	8 607	21	3 512	1 911	3 060

Reference: *Livestock Products (7215.0)*

6.3

WOOL RECEIVALS(a) AND LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE
WOOL BY BROKERS AND
DEALERS.....

EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP.....

			Number	Gross Value	Gross Weight
	Bales	Tonnes	'000	\$'000	'000t
Financial Years					
1993-94	1 196 990	212 670	4 524.0	127 564	238.0
1994-95	972 837	172 575	3 864.8	127 517	193.1
1995-96	931 048	165 842	4 690.6	181 069	232.3
Months					
Dec 95	38 393	6 799	343.0	13 799	16.6
Jan 96	62 665	11 173	389.8	15 782	20.1
Feb 96	93 367	16 748	361.1	14 234	18.5
Mar 96	92 096	16 422	518.1	19 863	26.5
Apr 96	71 694	12 719	306.8	11 183	15.8
May 96	52 751	9 326	523.2	17 453	26.2
Jun 96	24 310	4 284	236.1	8 320	10.3
Jul 96	53 329 r	9510r	209.4	7 540	10.3
Aug 96	99 902	17 933	262.2	9 613	12.4
Sep 96	120 998 r	21 634 r	437.7	16 378	21.9
Oct 96	120 825 r	21 372 r	466.8	17 067	24.2
Nov 96	80 729 r	14 262 r	329.1	11 537	17.2
Dec 96	35 593	6 229	272.5	9 156	13.6
Jan 97	n.y.a	n.y.a	354.2	12 100	19.1

(a) Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

6.4

ENERGY PRODUCTION

	Coal(a)	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution(b)	Crude oil(c)(d)	Natural gas(d)
	'000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m ³
Financial Years					
1993-94	5 151	15 755	172 432	7 639	13 659
1994-95	5 882	16 756	188 658	12 680	15 714
1995-96	5 897	17 422	181 710	9 676	16 766
Months					
Jan 96	505	1 537	15 635		
Feb 96	445	1 532	15 707		
Mar 96	588	1 514	16 638	3 708	4 136
Apr 96	413	1 366	15 305		
May 96	487	1 475	16 609		
Jun 96	569	1 456	16 614	4 204	4 208
Jul 96	379	1 523	17 292		
Aug 96	414	1 473	17 097		
Sep 96	469	1 379	15 454	4 187	4 115
Oct 96	517	1 412	15 558		
Nov 96	584	1 328	17 457		
Dec 96 (e)	446	1 401	17 883	n.y.a	n.y.a.
Jan 97	448	n.a.	17 659		

(a) Department of Minerals and Energy

(b) Available for issue through mains

(c) Includes condensate

(d) Source: Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

(e) As from December 1996, the ABS no longer collects Electricity production figures.

6.5

MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

METALLIC MINERALS.....NON-METALLIC MINERALS.....

	Base metals(a)	Gold	Other	Diamonds	Other	Total minerals
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years						
1993-94	63.3	310.2	31.5	46.6	2.1	453.7
1994-95	58.8	379.4	17.9	35.2	5.6	496.5
1995-96	89.0	367.8	6.9	33.8	6.0	519.5
Months						
June 95	14.1	108.2	4.0	5.8	0.6	135.3
Sep 95	16.6	90.4	4.5	9.7	2.4	124.9
Dec 95	17.5	100.0	4.8	7.4	1.1	128.9
Mar 96	21.8	83.9	n.a.	4.9	2.1	117.8
Jun 96	32.3	93.4	n.a.	11.7	1.8	147.0
Sep 96	23.6	120.2	0.8	8.8	1.4	162.8

(a) Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: *Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0)*

6.6

MINERAL PRODUCTION

	Iron ore	Bauxite	Gold	Ilmenite	Nickel	Diamonds
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
Financial Years						
1993-94	119 690	27 087	193 599	1 612	62	39 909
1994-95	132 742	26 852	187 280	1 631	94	43 591
1995-96	143 392	28 250	205 830	1 871	105	42 517
Months						
Jun 95	34 738	6 729	47 000	433	27	9 324
Sep 95	36 459r	7 451	48 765	500	25	9 105
Dec 95	35 213r	7 028	48 675	477	24	12 153
Mar 96	35 890r	6 946	53 100	417	26	11 473
Jun 96	35 830	6 825	55 946	477	30	19 835
Sep 96	36 821	6 865	53 836	464	28	11 235

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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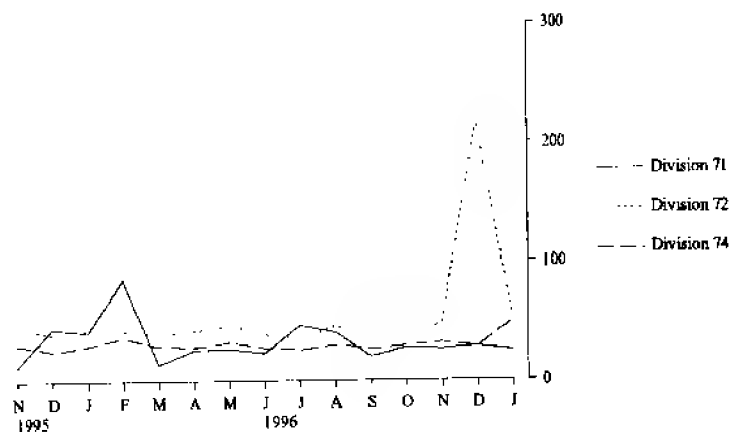
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IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION

	33 Petroleum, petroleum products, etc \$m	71 Power generating equipment and machinery \$m	72 Machinery specialised for particular industries \$m	74 General industrial machinery and equipment \$m	78 Road vehicles \$m
Financial Years					
1993-94	678.4	189.7	432.2	254.0	690.0
1994-95	823.8	203.1	436.9	308.7	802.1
1995-96	768.9	356.1	510.3	345.7	794.5
Months					
Nov 95	51.2	12.3	46.1	30.7	72.9
Dec 95	72.0	44.5	38.7	25.0	60.4
Jan 96	74.7	40.8	43.0	29.8	47.2
Feb 96	72.8	85.5	41.8	36.4	53.8
Mar 96	74.2	13.5	39.6	28.7	60.0
Apr 96	56.4	25.6	41.9	27.8	62.5
May 96	69.9	26.5	46.6	32.2	74.6
Jun 96	47.6	23.0	38.5	27.2	72.1
Jul 96	115.1	46.2	34.0	25.8	70.7
Aug 96	92.7	40.2	46.3	29.8	74.3
Sep 96	39.2	20.0	31.9	26.3	63.0
Oct 96	107.3	27.5	33.0	29.7	81.0
Nov 96	66.2	26.3	49.0	31.7	73.2
Dec 96	126.6	28.3	217.8	27.8	66.6
Jan 97	109.8	24.7	49.4	50.4	61.3

Reference: Fastracks Trade Statistics

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: Fastracks Trade Statistics

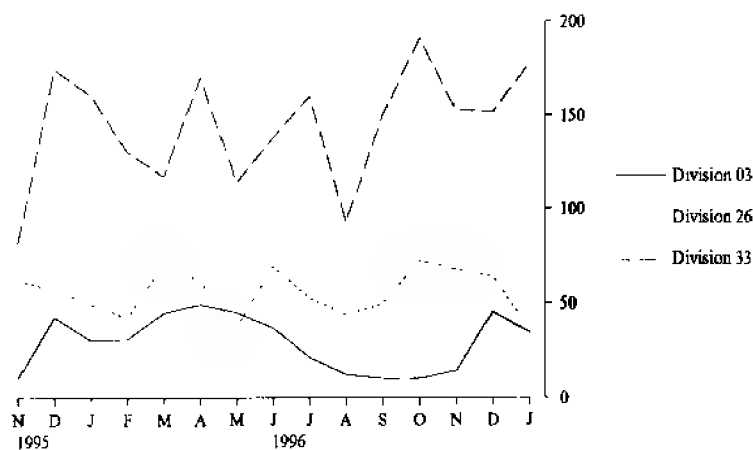
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EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	03	04	26	28	33
	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc \$m	Cereals and cereal (excluding yarn or preparations \$m	Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric) \$m	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap \$m	Petroleum, petroleum products etc. \$m
Financial Years					
1993-94	413.3	1 150.1	656.1	2 999.4	882.9
1994-95	408.6	1 154.3	733.8	3 094.0	1 544.4
1995-96	364.2	1 874.9	692.6	3 221.8	1 586.0
Months					
Nov 95	10.5	164.9	61.8	269.8	81.9
Dec 95	42.7	209.8	57.2	274.3	174.0
Jan 96	30.4	213.7	49.2	246.0	160.6
Feb 96	31.1	197.6	42.8	233.6	130.3
Mar 96	45.1	185.3	70.8	275.5	117.5
Apr 96	49.6	177.7	61.5	251.6	170.0
May 96	45.5	161.9	37.5	259.7	114.4
Jun 96	37.2	153.5	69.6	314.8	138.2
Jul 96	21.2	121.5	52.4	299.8	160.4
Aug 96	12.0	104.4	44.2	295.8	92.9
Sep 96	10.0	113.1	49.9	289.9	150.0
Oct 96	10.0	120.5	72.4	278.4	190.8
Nov 96	14.1	90.5	67.7	273.4	152.9
Dec 96	45.6	177.9	64.2	271.5	151.9
Jan 97	34.8	201.3	37.2	280.4	177.8

Reference: Fastracks Trade Statistics

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS



Source: Fastracks Trade Statistics

8.1

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(a)

	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Motorcycles and scooters	Total	Perth Statistical Division
Financial Years						
1993-94	48 589	10 350	2 136	2 103	63 178	49 074
1994-95	51 947	10 782	2 170	2 344	67 243	52 168
1995-96	51 134	10 838	2 315	2 440	66 727	51 390
Months						
Dec 95	4 308	884	207	209	5 608	4 249
Jan 96	3 178	692	140	174	4 184	3 041
Feb 96	4 516	1 090	158	170	5 934	4 472
Mar 96	4 718	995	174	201	6 088	4 624
Apr 96	4 109	804	145	230	5 288	4 046
May 96	4 889	1 139	204	198	6 430	5 114
Jun 96	4 590	1 199	223	157	6 169	4 662
Jul 96	4 580	895	201	174	5 850	4 590
Aug 96	4 728	839	177	216	5 960	4 756
Sep 96	4 392	748	177	183	5 500	4 442
Oct 96	5 209	874	168	238	6 517	5 142
Nov 96	4 656	819	186	368	6 029	4 742
Dec 96	4 861	859	181	228	6 129	4 743
Jan 97	4 436	802	124	196	5 558	4 358

(a) Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers

Reference: Unpublished statistics

8.2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS(a)

PASSENGER VEHICLES..... OTHER VEHICLES..... TOTAL.....

	Original	Trend Estimate	Original	Trend Estimate	Original	Trend Estimate
Dec 95	4 308	4 117	1 091	1 076	5 399	5 193
Jan 96	3 178	4 197	832	1 092	4 010	5 289
Feb 96	4 516	4 308	1 248	1 107	5 764	5 415
Mar 96	4 718	4 435	1 189	1 119	5 887	5 554
Apr 96	4 109	4 544	1 179	1 131	5 288	5 675
May 96	4 889	4 616	1 343	1 142	6 430	5 758
Jun 96	4 590	4 647	1 422	1 145	6 012	5 792
Jul 96	4 580	4 643 r	1 096	1 132 r	5 676	5 775
Aug 96	4 728	4 635 r	1 016	1 108 r	5 744	5 743
Sep 96	4 392	4 655 r	925	1 077 r	5 317	5 732
Oct 96	5 209	4 681 r	1 070	1 048 r	6 279	5 729
Nov 96	4 656	4 703 r	1 005	1 030 r	5 661	5 733
Dec 96	4 861	4 723 r	1 040	1 024 r	5 901	5 747
Jan 97	4 436	4 733	926	1 026	5 362	5 759

(a) Other vehicles excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

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9.1

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS: Original

	SELECTED INDUSTRY.....			TOTAL.....	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Original	Seasonally adjusted
Financial Years					
1994-95	4 046	595	2 216	6 857	6 856
1995-96	4 199	958	2 422	7 579	7 576
Quarters					
Jun 95	1 027	209	487	1 724	1 719
Sep 95	1 046	200	562	1 808	1 870
Dec 95	1 173	174	760	2 107	1 797
Mar 96	915	205	542	1 663	1 917
Jun 96	1 064	379	558	2 001	1 992
Sep 96	923	128	464	1 514	1 572

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

9.2

STATE FINAL DEMAND AND PRODUCTION ACCOUNT TREND DATA AT CURRENT PRICES

	Wages, salaries and supplements	Gross operating surplus	Indirect taxes less subsidies	GSP (income based)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Mar 94	5 044	5 040	1 246	11 330
Jun 94	5 073	5 134	1 295	11 502
Sep 94	5 112	5 193	1 322	11 627
Dec 94	5 182	5 191	1 320	11 693
Mar 95	5 288	5 267	1 308	11 863
Jun 95	5 369	5 388	1 326	12 083
Sep 95	5 464	5 560	1 385	12 409
Dec 95	5 583	5 771	1 449	12 803
Mar 96	5 685	5 892	1 465	13 042
Jun 96	5 759	5 911	1 449	13 119
Sep 96	5 814	5 892	1 419	13 125

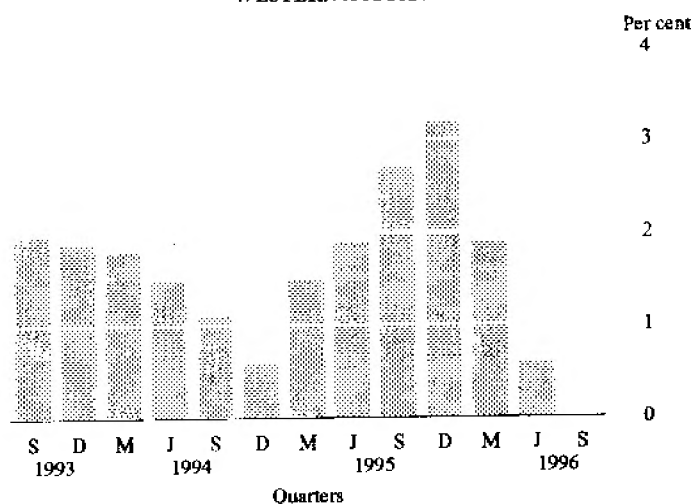
Reference: State Accounts (5242.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 9.2

No growth was reported for GSP in the September quarter. However, because of relatively strong growth in the first half of the year, overall growth through the year to September quarter 1996 was 5.8%. Wages, salaries and supplements grew by 1.0% in the September quarter to be 6.4% higher than the same quarter of the previous year. Gross operating surplus declined by 0.3% in the September quarter 1996. For the second consecutive quarter indirect taxes less subsidies declined, falling by 2.1% in the September quarter 1996.

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PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GSP(A) - TREND WESTERN AUSTRALIA



(A) Gross State Product at current prices
Source: State Accounts 5242.0

10.1

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

Indicator	Period	Unit	Current Australian Figure	Current figure	Change from last period (%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago(%)
Population							
Estimated resident population	Sep qtr 96 p	'000	18 348.7	1 771.0	0.5	1 739.5	1.8
Natural increase	Sep qtr 96 p	No.	27 850	3 108.0	-15.0	3 399.0	-8.6
Tourism							
<i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i>							
Guest arrivals	Sep qtr 96	'000	7 890.0	636.0	21.4	588.8	8.0
Guest rooms available	Sep qtr 96	No.	172 421	15 396	2.1	14 720	4.5
Room occupancy rates	Sep qtr 96	%	58.8	62.0	9.7	61.1	1.5
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Short-term arrivals	Dec 96	No.	465 180	49 430	32.6	46 800	5.6
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Short-term departures	Dec 96	No.	294 950	35 260	41.9	33 040	6.7
Employment							
Employed persons (Trend)	Jan 97	'000	8 419.0	850.5	0.1	828.6	2.6
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Looking for work (Trend)	Jan 97	'000	791.5	70.5	0.6	69.3	1.7
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Trend	Jan 97	%	63.6	66.3	0.0	66.1	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Trend	Jan 97	%	8.6	7.7	1.3	7.7	0.0
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
Males	Nov 96	\$	774.40	804.80	-0.1	776.20	3.7
Females	Nov 96	\$	614.20	559.00	1.1	568.70	4.6
Persons	Nov 96	\$	716.90	728.70	0.3	702.90	3.7
Retail							
<i>Monthly retail turnover</i>							
Original	Dec 96	\$m	13 199.3	1 287.4	21.2	1 343.8	-4.2
Trend estimate	Dec 96	\$m	10 143.5	1 005.1	-1.1	1 030.5	-2.5
Construction							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	Dec 96	No	9 797	1 219	-8.2	993	22.8
Value of all building	Dec 96	\$m	2 099.60	179.30	-41.1	147.30	21.7
<i>Housing Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Dec 96	Index No.	115.9	115.0	0.0	114.6	0.3
Established houses	Dec qtr 96	Index No.	114.3	107.5	-0.5	108.3	-0.7
Project homes	Dec qtr 96	Index No.	109.1	101.4	-0.1	101.6	-0.2
Mineral Exploration							
Gold	Sep qtr 96	\$m	165.5	120.2	28.7	90.4	33.0
Other minerals	Sep qtr 96	\$m	108.7	42.6	-20.5	34.5	23.5
Overseas Trade							
Imports	Jan 97	\$m	6 710.2	755.1	50.1	493.3	53.1
Exports	Jan 97	\$m	6 493.8	1 673.4	11.9	1 721.5	-2.8
Transport							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	Jan 97	No.	39 616	4 436	-8.7	3 178	39.6
Trend	Jan 97	No.	46 170	4 733	0.2	4 197	12.8
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	Jan 97	No.	46 169	5 362	-9.1	4 010	33.7
Trend	Jan 97	No.	54 683	5 759	0.2	5 289	8.9
Finance							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Sep qtr 96	\$m	10 161.0	1 514.0	-24.3	1 808.0	-16.3
Seasonally adjusted	Sep qtr 96	\$m	10 601.0	1 572.0	-21.1	1 870.0	-15.9
<i>Gross State Product (Income based)</i>							
Current prices	Sep qtr 96	\$m	122 660.0	12 621.0	0.2	12 068.0	4.6
State Final Demand at average 1989-90 prices	Sep qtr 96	\$m	108 075.0	10 737.0	-4.8	10 490.0	2.4

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